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Title: FASTENING ELEMENT FOR AN )  
IMPLANT, IN PARTICULAR A HIP )  
PROSTHESIS )

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## AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION

This is in response to the Final Office Action dated December 31, 2007. Please enter the following amendments.

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